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Population: 20,160
(as estimated by the Registrar General for 1942)

<u>Live Births:</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate:	196 (162)	200 (160)	396 (322)
Illegitimate:	14 (17)	9 (10)	23 (27)

(Figures in brackets are for the previous year)

BIRTH RATE per thousand of the estimated resident population:

20.7 (17.2)

England and Wales	15.8
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Still Births Males 7 (5) Females 8 (5)

<u>Deaths:</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
	78 (112)	95 (92)	173 (204)

DEATH RATE per thousand of the estimated resident population:

8.5 (10.07)

England and Wales 11.6

Deaths under 1 year	...	...	...	14	(17)
Deaths from whooping cough (all ages)			...	Nil	(2)
Deaths from measles (all ages)		...	...	Nil	(Nil)

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Diphtheria:

There were no notifications of Diphtheria during 1942.

Diphtheria Immunisation:

Immunisation under the Council's Scheme is running smoothly. The material used, Alum Precipitated Toxoid, is supplied free of charge by the Ministry of Health. The following are the figures for 1942:

Children immunised	- below 5 years	...	325
"	"	- attending Elementary	
		Schools	...
			195
"	"	- " Private	
		Schools	...
			10
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		Total	530

Estimated percentage of child population immunised:

Under 5 years	55%
Over 5 and under 15	....	75%

Scabies:

Under the Scabies Order 1941, 365 persons received treatment during the year 1942 in this district. The disease was prevalent throughout the year. Nearly all the cases notified were treated at the First Aid Post, Ashford Common, by the nursing staff, and the remainder at the Cleansing Station, Benwell. The treatment consists of bathing, and painting the whole body with Benzyl Benzoate. In most cases one application is effective.

Scarlet Fever:

12 cases notified, all nursed in hospital.

Erysipelas:

5 cases reported.

Whooping Cough:

21 cases notified by Medical Practitioners.

Measles:

115 cases notified only. Many more cases reported from schools. There were no deaths.

Pneumonia:

Seven cases notified only. 11 deaths occurred - 2 males and 9 females.

Puerperal Pyrexia:

Four cases.

Anterior Poliomyelitis:

One case notified.

Tuberculosis:

Pulmonary:	14 notifications	(8 men, 6 women)
Non-pulmonary:	2 "	(males)

Cancer:

During the year 1942, 29 deaths occurred - 14 males and 15 females (25 in 1941)

Heart Disease:

39 deaths in 1942 (41 in 1941)

LABORATORY FACILITIES

The following specimens were sent to the Clinical Research Association during the year.

Swabs for Diphtheria	...	10 (all negative)
Sputum for Tuberculosis	...	10 (all negative)

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GENERAL REPORT

The health of the district under War conditions has been extremely good, children especially have shown up well. This has been due to school meals, milk, better distribution of food and balanced feeding.

The Housing problem has proved very acute, owing to the fluctuating of population and Post War Plans are already receiving the attention of the Housing & Town Planning Committee.

As was the case in the report for 1941, certain usual items of information have had, in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, to be omitted.

I desire to thank the staff of the Public Health Department Mr. T.J. Moore, Sanitary Inspector, and Mrs. O.W. Lukyn, Clerk, for their good and willing work carried out in connection with their normal duties and with those additional ones placed on them by War conditions.

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